

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

Question: BET 953-956

Topic: Legal Costs

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

953. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
954. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
955. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
956. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Financial year to date – 31 May 2013*

Answer:

953. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 the AOFM spent \$103,886 on legal services. The nature of the legal services comprised advice on the interpretation and application of legislation, investigations, development of contracts and assistance with contract negotiations with service providers.
954. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 the AOFM spent \$62,630 on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor. The nature of the legal services comprised of advice on the application of legislation, development of contracts and drafting of instruments.
955. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 the AOFM spent \$41,256 on legal services from private legal firms. The nature of the legal services comprised development of contracts and assistance with contract negotiations with service providers.
956. Not applicable.